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106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 748****[Report No. 106-72]**

To improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 1999

Mr. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

JUNE 9, 1999

Reported by Mr. MURKOWSKI, with amendments

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A BILL

To improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REPORT.**

4 (a) Within six months after the enactment of this Act
5 the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as

1 the “Secretary” shall submit a report detailing the
2 progress the Department has made in the implementation
3 of the provisions of sections 1307 and 1308 of the Alaska
4 National Interest Lands Conservation Act and ~~section 638~~
5 *provisions* of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
6 cation Assistance Act. The report shall include a detailed
7 action plan on the future implementation of the provisions
8 of sections 1307 and 1308 of the Alaska National Interest
9 Lands Conservation Act and ~~section 638~~ *provisions* of the
10 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.
11 The report shall describe, in detail, the measures and ac-
12 tions that will be taken, along with a description of the
13 anticipated results to be achieved during the next three
14 fiscal years. The report shall focus on lands under the ju-
15 risdiction of the Department of the Interior in Alaska and
16 shall also address any laws, rules, regulations and policies
17 which act as a deterrent to hiring Native Alaskans or con-
18 tracting with Native Alaskans to perform and conduct ac-
19 tivities and programs of those agencies and bureaus under
20 the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior.

21 (b) The report shall be completed within existing ap-
22 propriations and shall be transmitted to the Committee
23 on Resources of the United States Senate; and the Com-
24 mittee on Resources of the United States House of Rep-
25 resentatives.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) In furtherance of the goals of sections 1307 and
3 1308 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation
4 Act and the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination
5 and Education Assistance Act, the Secretary shall—

6 (1) implement pilot programs to employ resi-
7 dents of local communities at the following units of
8 the National Park System located in northwest Alas-
9 ka:

10 (A) Bering Land Bridge National Pre-
11 serve,

12 (B) Cape Krusenstern National Monu-
13 ment,

14 (C) Kobuk Valley National Park, and

15 (D) Noatak National Preserve; and

16 (2) report on the results of the programs within
17 one year to the Committee on Energy and Natural
18 Resources of the United States and the Committee
19 on Resources of the House of Representatives.

20 (b) In implementing the programs, the Secretary
21 shall consult with the Native Corporations, non-profit or-
22 ganizations, and Tribal entities in the immediate vicinity
23 of such units and shall also, to the extent practicable, in-
24 volve such groups in the development of interpretive mate-
25 rials and the pilot programs relating to such units.

1 (c) The objective of such programs shall be, to the
2 extent possible, to establish cooperative arrangements,
3 through contracts or other means, that will allow local
4 communities and residents to assume administrative and
5 management responsibilities for those units, or portions
6 of those units, of the National Park System in a manner
7 that will accomplish the purposes for which the units were
8 established and consistent with policies set forth in the
9 Act of August 23, 1916 (39 Stat. 535, 16 U.S.C. 1).

10 (d) **PARK SERVICE EMPLOYEES.**—(1) Any career em-
11 ployee of the National Park Service, employed at one of
12 the Alaska northwest parks at the time of the transfer
13 of an operation or program to a local Native entity by
14 contract, shall not be separated from the Service by reason
15 of such transfer.

16 (2) Any career employee of the National Park Service
17 employed at any one of the parks in northwest Alaska at
18 the time of the transfer of an operation or program to
19 a local Native entity shall be given priority placement for
20 any available position within the National Park Service
21 System notwithstanding any priority reemployment lists,
22 directives, rules, regulations or other orders from the De-
23 partment of the Interior, the Office of Management and
24 Budget, or other Federal agencies.

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